



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1507

ALTCS; dental services

Prime Sponsor: Senator Begay, LD 7

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## **OVERVIEW**

SB 1507 requires dental services to be provided by contractors for members of the Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS).

## **PROVISIONS**

1. Requires dental services to be provided by contractors for members of ALTCS in an annual amount not to exceed \$1,000 per member.
2. Makes technical changes.

## **CURRENT LAW**

A.R.S. § 36-2939 states that the following services must be provided by the program contractors to members who are determined to need institutional services pursuant to this article: nursing facility services other than services in an institution for tuberculosis or mental disease; behavioral health services, if the services are not duplicative of long-term care services provided as of January 30, 1993 and are authorized by the program contractor through the long-term care case management system; hospice services; case management services and health and medical services.

In addition, the Department of Economic Services' Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) must provide intermediate care facility services and home and community based services to ALTCS members who have developmental disabilities and are in need of institutional services.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

ALTCS is a federal Medicaid program administered by the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). The ALTCS program provides long-term care services to financially and medically eligible persons who are elderly, physically disabled, or developmentally disabled, and who have a medical need for the services. The ALTCS program includes medical, behavioral, institutional, home and community based services.

The DDD provides services to people with developmental disabilities. DDD is the ALTCS program contractor for all developmentally disabled individuals statewide. Both DDD and ALTCS must screen individuals for developmental disabilities. To be determined developmentally disabled and eligible for DDD services, a person must: be diagnosed as having autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or mental retardation before the age of 18 and have substantial functional limitations; be under age six and exhibit a delay in one or more areas of development;

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or be under age three and at risk of having a developmental disability if services are not provided to them. Once a person is eligible for DDD and ALTCS services, DDD manages the ALTCS services. DDD also administers a state funded program to provide services to persons with developmental disabilities who do not qualify for ALTCS services.

To qualify for the ALTCS program, a person must be an Arizona resident and a U.S. citizen or qualified immigrant, have a Social Security Number or have applied for one, apply for all benefits they may be entitled to receive such as a pension, or disability benefits from the Social Security Administration and live in an institutional setting such as a nursing home. Countable income and resources are also considered in determining if a person qualifies for the ALTCS program. The maximum amount of income or resources depends on certain factors such as age, residence, marital status and a person's AHCCCS coverage group.